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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hajime ICHIMURA et al.  
Title: METHOD FOR EVALUATING GRAPHITE STRUCTURE OF GRAY  
CAST IRON, EVALUATION PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM, AND  
EVALUATION SYSTEM  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 19, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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